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DOC. MACK WILL HANG

PARDONING BOARD REFUSES TO ACT IN THE MATTER

NO PARDON FOR RAPE FIEND

Sheriff of Duval County Gets Telegram from the Governor's Private Secretary.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 2.—At last it seems as if Dock Mack, the convicted negro, is to pay the penalty of his crime of criminally assaulting a young white woman in this city on March 2d last, notwithstanding the efforts to save his life. He was convicted in the Circuit Court and the conviction approved by the Supreme Court, and a respite was granted by the Governor of thirty days.

The following telegram has been received by Sheriff Bowden:

Tallahassee, Fla., Oct. 31, 1907. To Sheriff R. F. Bowden, Jacksonville, Fla.:

State Board of Pardons refuses to interfere in Dock Mack case. This leaves the death warrant effective at the end of thirty days' reprieve from October 9th. DANIEL A. SIMONS, Secretary.

BURNED TO A CRISP.

Shocking Death of a Colored Woman Near Gainesville.

(Gainesville Sun, 31st.)

Information has just been received here of the horrible death of Bettie Robeson, colored, fifty-five years of age, which occurred at the home of her brother, Charles Simmons, near Gordon, where she has been making her home for the past few years. The death was caused by the woman's clothing becoming ignited.

Her body was burned to a crisp before aid had ever reached her. The woman, who was a widow with several children, was living with her brother, Charles Simmons, a progressive colored farmer of that section. As is the custom, Simmons, with his children and the children of the victim, ate breakfast and went to the field to work, leaving the woman to attend to the household duties. When one of the children left the field to go to dinner he discovered the woman lying in the yard burned to a crisp, one of her stockings still smoking.

No particulars of this awful accident could be learned, as there was no one present when it occurred. The woman, however, was subject to epileptic fits, and it is supposed that in some way her clothing became ignited, when she ran into the yard, became excited, and fell into a fit before she could cry for assistance.

The body was terribly charred but the coroner did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest after the particulars had been learned.

The unfortunate woman was buried Wednesday afternoon.

INSULTING THE PRESIDENT

By Address on Letter and Will Answer to the Law for It.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 31.—Charged with sending defamatory and libelous matter through the mails, in that he addressed a letter to "Teddy Bombastes Furioso, Executive Mansion, Washington," Charles M. Dyer, editor of the Mirror, will appear before a United States grand jury early next month.

The journal published by Dyer is in advocacy of "scientific eugenics," or improvement of the race by methods similar to those advocated by adherents of the free love cult. Dyer is also a socialist. The letter has not been opened, the offense being in the address itself. Dyer declares he will "rot in jail" rather than recant his opinion of the President.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA—BY WIRELESS.



—Triggs in New York Press.

THE RAILROAD RATE LAW

FULLY CONSIDERED BY THREE GOVERNORS

ARE READY TO CO-OPERATE

With Other States Having Same Problems

Atlanta, Nov. 1.—Thorough co-operation in methods to be pursued in the enforcement of laws regulating railroad passenger fares in the states of Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina, was agreed upon today at a conference held in this city between the governors of those states. After a discussion, which began at 9:30 this morning, and which lasted until late this afternoon, with but a brief interval for luncheon, the three chief executives reached an agreement and the meeting was adjourned.

In a statement given to the Associated Press tonight, signed by the three governors, it is said that not only had they arranged to "co-operate in the investigation of facts and law connected with the duty of our states to the public and to transportation companies," but that they would also co-operate with other states which have the same problems.

Better Fire Protection.

The fire of Thursday fully demonstrates the fact that Live Oak is in great need of better fire protection. While Chief Horry Hair and his boys did good work in saving one house, it was a difficult matter on account of not having hose enough. Then the town needs more water plugs, and last, but not least by any means, there is urgent need for a better fire alarm system. The present one is inadequate, and also dangerous to lives, and should be done away with and an alarm be either placed at the water works station or worked from the Court House tower. A hose wagon with a supply of good hose and a pair of horses could be secured at a small cost, and if the city does not want to build a fire station at present, it could be quartered at one of the livery stables at a reasonable cost and could be depended upon, while the present equipment is such as to demand the use of outside drays and other help, for it is impossible for the boys to pull them through the sand, and at night no drays are to be had, so it puts the fire ladders to a great disadvantage.

Chief Horry Hair has worked hard and faithful at all fires, and with better equipment and a better way of notifying the people of fires, could be able to cope with the situation. Let the City Fathers look into this matter, and act before it is too late.

We are liable at any time to be confronted with a fire that would do a great deal of damage and cause a heavy loss to property owners, and we would be powerless under the present system to fight it. Then another item to bear in mind is, with better fire protection, insurance rates would naturally be less.

Let our hustling Board of Trade and City Councilmen get together and devise some plan to give us a better fire equipment and thus help us to be able to fight fires more systematically and thus facilitate matters in case of fires.

FIREMAN.

Our Board of Trade cannot do all for Live Oak that we want done. Like the chorister, they can pitch the tune, and lead the song, but if the symphonic strains of glad prosperity ever ring out with real meaning, every man in town must join in the song.

D. J. Mills, a prominent merchant of Rossburg, is in the city today trading.

ALL SALOONS CLOSED.

Bristol, Tenn., Now Dry—Big Business Done in Last Few Days.

Bristol, Tenn., Oct. 31.—The last of the twenty-five saloons which Bristol had only a few months ago, will be closed tonight, when thirteen more establishments will go out of existence. The saloons were voted out of Bristol a few months ago. All trains have been crowded with passengers from East Tennessee and southwest Virginia, and hundreds of persons have carried away packages of whiskey, while daily shipments have crowded the express cars.

Knoxville Saloons Closed.

Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 31.—More than 100 saloons in Knoxville closed tonight, as a result of the application of the Pendleton law by which cities of Tennessee can reincorporate without having the saloon. The city is quiet and whiskies are being sold at any price. The people voted on the law by special legislative enactment last March.

The election in which voters expressed their desire to abolish saloons was held in March, and by nearly 2,000 majority the temperance forces won the day. For the past few days saloons have held bargain sales, and many tonight did not have sufficient stock to supply demands. The closing of the saloons was featured by speeches made in different bars by jug processions and by hilarious singing but no serious disorder occurred.

DIAMOND IN APPLE.

Virginia Girl Finds Gem in Fruit She Took to School.

Boydton, Va., Oct. 31.—Miss Annie Turpin, daughter of P. L. Turpin, a merchant of this place, carried an apple to school one day last week and, on cutting it, found a stone, apparently a diamond, in one of the seed cells of the apple. The other cells of the core were filled with seed. The stone cuts glass and looks as if it was once set in a ring.

Mrs. Beaver of Suwannee Station, is here today shopping.

MERCHANTS WANT THEM

THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY ATLANTIC CLEARING HOUSE

USED FOR BUYING COTTON

Very Popular Currency and Merchants Advertise that They Will Take The mat Cash Value

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 2.—The Clearing House certificates issued by the Atlanta banks are very popular. Merchants are advertising that they will accept these in any amounts, large or small, same as cash.

Several cotton buyers in this section of the State left the city Thursday supplied with a roll of the certificates, and wherever cotton was found for sale the purchaser gladly took the Atlanta money.

Local merchants are advertising in all the papers that bills can be paid and goods bought with the new money.

The entire two millions of certificates have been printed and are in the hands of the manager of the clearing house. They will be issued to any bank calling for an additional supply, upon making the required deposit of securities.

In our write-up of the big rally at the courthouse Thursday night, by oversight Mr. W. R. Letcher's name was omitted from the list of new members joining the Board of Trade. We are sorry it occurred, and make the correction today.

J. F. Webb, formerly of Madison, made the Democrat a pleasant call yesterday afternoon. Mr. Webb informs us that he will in the future make his home in our city. We are very glad to have him come among us, and extend to him a hearty welcome.

"Get busy" may not be good English, but it's good advice.

PREDICTS UNION OF METHODIST CHURCHES.

Bishop Hoss Looks for Uniting of North and South.

Philadelphia, Oct. 31.—Four hundred Methodists applauded Bishop E. E. Hoss, of Tennessee, when he predicted at the banquet of their Social Union that in a few years the Methodist Episcopal Church North and the Methodist Episcopal Church South would become reunited.

The Bishop said that, even though the organic union should be delayed, he would welcome a federation scheme whereby all the ecclesiastical activities might be controlled.

"Indeed," he added, "I would be so satisfied with this that I would sing 'Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.'"

Bishop Hoss spoke of the South, which he represented as being so prosperous that the people "don't care whether Bryan or Roosevelt is elected President."

Concerning Roosevelt's recent trip in the South, Bishop Hoss said that the President was "spectacular."

A Sanford Tragedy.

A dispatch from Sanford to the Tampa Tribune, says:

Last Saturday afternoon this city and the surrounding country were shocked by a fearful tragedy. W. A. Vaughn, while racing with his younger brother, Arthur, was thrown from his horse and killed instantly. He was thrown again the stump of an orange tree, his head being split open by the blow. His death followed after a few feeble gasps, he never speaking a word.

Gus Vaughn, as he was familiarly called, was the eldest son of Alexander Vaughn, and was about thirty-three years old. He leaves a wife and four small children to mourn his untimely death.

The accident occurred near the home of the deceased two miles from town, as the young men were racing from the butcher pen to the house. The body was taken to his father's home, from which the funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon by Rev. J. F. McKinnon, assisted by Rev. D. B. Sweat. A large company of sorrowing friends of the family attended the services.